

# CHARITON COURIER.

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## Rural Free Mail Delivery.

Special Agent John F. Grote of Washington, D. C., and his assistant, Bert R. Burr of Chicago, have been in Keytesville this week in the interest of the three rural free mail routes for which Uncle Sam has been petitioned, out of this place.

One route runs north and northwest, another north and northeast and another south and southeast.

All three of the routes will be driven over by Messrs. Grote and Burr, who will make a report to the post-office department, and until that report is considered, nothing will be positively known of what are the chances of success of the rural free mail delivery out of Keytesville.

Bert Warsham, Clarence Foster, Elmer Cox and T. P. Wood are all aspirants for carriers, which makes one more applicant than there are places to fill.

The would-be carriers were all examined by the Messrs. Grote and Burr Wednesday afternoon, but as their report on the result of examinations must go to the civil service commission at Washington, D. C., and there acted upon, it is not yet known who the carriers will be.

The farmers of Chariton county have been very busy this season in their crops, and the rains have been damaging to roads and culverts, but we hope, now that the busy time for farmers is about over, that those living along the proposed mail routes from the capital will see that the roads are put in proper condition and necessary repairs made to culverts and bridges as good roads and safe culverts and bridges are very essential to the success of rural free delivery.

## Call for Republican County Convention.

(Published by Request.)

A convention of the Republicans of Chariton county is hereby called to meet at the courthouse in Salisbury, Tuesday, August 5, 1902, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, and for the selection of delegates to the Republican congressional and senatorial conventions.

Township mass-meetings are directed to be held at the usual voting places in each township Saturday, August 2, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention.

Each township is entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five votes or fractional part thereof over one-half, cast for Wm. McKinley for president at the last presidential election, which is as follows:

TOWNSHIP.	NO. OF DELEGATES.
Bee Branch	3
Bowling Green	7
Brunswick	16
Chariton	8
Clark	2
Cockrell	2
Cunningham	7
Keytesville	8
Mendon	4
Missouri	4
Mussey Fork	2
Salisbury	12
Salt Creek	4
Triplett	4
Wayland	2
Yellow Creek	3
Total	88

By order of committee.

F. C. SASSE, Chairman,  
W. R. SWEENEY, Secretary.

## Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office July 18, 1902:  
Miss Eva Carter, George Jones,  
Mr. Paschen, Miss Susan E. Shull,  
Mr. Dave E. West.

When calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

W. C. GASTON, P. M.

## Drowned.

The Triplett Tribune and Sumner Star of last week both tell of the drowning of Albert Ham in Yellow creek, who lived on a farm belonging to Geo. A. South-erland of Sumner. Ham had been plowing on the south side of the creek about five miles north of Triplett, and undertook to cross the stream, which was much swollen from recent rains, to his home on the opposite side. The water was very swift and Ham had on his clothes and boots. His wife, who was on the north bank of the stream, saw her husband and admonished him not to attempt to cross, but, being a good swimmer, he did not think he was in any danger. When about half way across, however, he was seized with cramps, and Mrs. Ham, seeing her husband's peril, waded out into the creek and attempted to reach him with a fishing pole, but the water was too deep for her to get close enough to reach him, and he went down to a watery grave.

The alarm was given, and neighbors and friends hurried to the rescue, but the drowned man's body was not found until about noon the next day, when it was taken from the creek about fifteen or twenty yards from the place it had sunk for the last time.

The deceased was 28 years old. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his untimely death, and who have the deepest sympathy of the entire neighborhood in their hour of grief.

Interment occurred in Lakeside cemetery at Sumner Wednesday.

Andrew Williams, col., well-known in Keytesville as a fish vender, was drowned in Cut-off lake, near the residence of Sasse Bros., in Bowling Green township, Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock. Williams had two skiffs, a large one and a small one, and was engaged in catching driftwood from the lake. In some way the larger skiff got away from him, and in attempting to catch it, the smaller skiff, which leaked, sunk when Williams jumped into it, and, being unable to swim, he was drowned in water eight or ten feet deep. Two of his sons, aged 15 and 16 years, respectively, were standing on the bank of the lake, and one of them undertook to rescue his father, when this son, too, although he could swim, was sinking for the third time when caught by his brother and pulled to shore. Andrew Williams was about 52 or 53 years old and leaves a wife and six or seven children. Williams was brought from Virginia by George Chapman, now of Keytesville, when a lad 6 or 7 years of age. He was well-thought of by both whites and negroes. His body had not been found at last accounts.

## Roll of Honor.

Our grateful acknowledgments are made to the following friends, who have either become new subscribers or have renewed their subscription to the COURIER during the past week. May heaven bless 'em:

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

L. A. Pippin, A. O. Prescott,  
John M. Dunn, A. L. Starratt.

## RENEWALS.

J. B. Dameron, B. B. Davis,  
T. E. R. Ewing.

## Lost!

A pair of spectacles in Keytesville Monday, July 14. They were in a case, had gold-plated frames and the lenses were No. 20 or 22. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving property at this office.

## The Criminal Calendar.

Henry Egan and Aubrey Thrash, two Keytesville young men, were tried before Mayor R. D. Edwards Monday for assaulting Boogher Goode, col., in Kitchen's saloon a week ago last Sunday. Both of the accused were found guilty, and fined \$5, each, and costs, which was paid.

The case of the city of Keytesville against S. J. T. Kitchen for selling liquor on Sunday was tried before Mayor R. D. Edwards Monday, and resulted in defendant's being found guilty and fined \$5 and costs. Mr. Kitchen promptly liquidated and seemed glad to get off on such reasonable terms.

John Enyeart, a negro living near Salisbury, went to that city to call on his dulcena, Sallie Dameron, but Sallie was not at home and John awaited her return. When she came she was accompanied by another negro buck, which proved to be too much for John's jealous disposition, and a quarrel and fight followed in which John dealt Sallie a terrific blow in the face. Sallie had John arrested for assault, and when arraigned before Justice J. R. Mason Wednesday of last week on that charge, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs amounting to \$13.50.

Prosecuting Attorney L. N. Dempsey went up to Triplett Tuesday afternoon to uphold the dignity of the state in Justice Alonzo Clark's court in a case against Wm. Boley, who was charged with attempted rape on Mrs. Mary Horton of near Dean Lake. After investigating the matter Mr. Dempsey concluded to prosecute Boley for common assault. Boley, however, proved by three or four witnesses, after the case went to trial, that he was out in the field at work at the time Mrs. Horton claims he attempted to criminally assault her, and the jury promptly brought in a verdict of "not guilty." Hon. C. C. Bigger of Laclede was Boley's attorney.

A number of the citizens of Rothville and vicinity came to the capital Monday as witnesses or spectators of a trial before Justice Wm. P. Jared, in which the state of Missouri was plaintiff and A. M. Colley was defendant. The defendant was charged with selling whiskey as a merchant, not having a dramshop license, in less quantities than five gallons. L. N. Dempsey appeared for the state and J. A. Collet for the defendant. After hearing three witnesses for the state the prosecution rested, and no testimony was offered for the defense. For once, at least, the attorneys declined to argue the case, the prosecuting attorney merely reading the law in such cases, showing the punishment to be from \$100 to \$600 and imprisonment in the county jail. The jury was virtually instructed to find for the state, and after retiring a few minutes returned a verdict of guilty and assessed Colley's punishment at a fine of \$100, whereupon the defendant's attorney took an appeal to the circuit court.

Prosecuting Attorney L. N. Dempsey was in Salisbury last Friday to represent the state in a case in which Ross Stodgell of near Salisbury was charged with stealing part of a cultivator,

a sickle and some other iron plunder from Wm. Cox. Stodgell was tried by a jury in Justice J. R. Mason's court, but that august body was unable to agree, standing four for acquittal and two for conviction. Prosecuting Attorney Dempsey declined to prosecute further and dismissed the case. Some how or other Mr. Dempsey is not very successful in prosecutions at Salisbury, but whether there is nothing in the cases that are tried there, or whether the people of Salisbury township are averse to punishing their criminals we are unable to say. From past experience there would be quite a saving in criminal costs if Mr. Dempsey could avoid prosecuting anyone in that township until it is so overrun with evil-doers that it will be glad of an opportunity to punish them.

Keno Parsons, a young man who lives in Grand river bottoms, south of Triplett, was arrested by Constable John V. Kahler Thursday of last week on a warrant charging Parsons with attempted criminal assault on Mrs. Snooks Branstetter, who is a near neighbor to Parsons. The prisoner was turned over by Constable Kahler to Town Marshal Thos. Triplett to guard, and when an opportunity presented itself by some one getting between the marshal and the man in custody, Parsons proceeded to beat all of his previous records as a sprinter and made good his escape. Marshal Triplett fired a pistol twice at Parsons' fleeing form, but the shots failed to bring him down and only served to accelerate his speed. When last seen Parsons was still running, and if he has since continued to make as good time as he made when he first started to run, and more especially after Marshal Triplett fired at him, Parsons is now far enough away to set sail for the north pole or the Philippine islands.

## Notice.

The McGee Presbytery of the C. P. church will convene with the Bethany congregation, four miles north of Keytesville, Friday, August 15, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The examining committee and Elders and Deacons' association will meet at same place the day previous, August 14, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.


All members and visitors expecting to attend are requested to notify A. S. Taylor, clerk of session, Keytesville, Mo., stating whether they will come by private conveyance or by rail.

Trains arrive at Keytesville from the east at 2:06 and 3:27 p. m., and from the west at 10:55 a. m., and at 12:53 p. m.

Macon, Randolph, Howard and Monroe county papers will please copy.

REV. J. L. ROUTT,  
Pastor.

Wm. E. Hill of Keytesville contracted his 640-acre farm, 21-2 miles north of Salisbury, last Saturday to W. A. Whitcomb of Bloomington, Ills., for \$60 an acre. This farm comprises section 4-54-17, and has been owned by Mr. Hill ever since 1859. He bought the place of a Boston man for \$1,200 through Judge Lucius Salisbury, who was then a resident of Salisbury, but who now resides near Kenton, Ohio. The rents from the land have been a big source of profit on the investment to Mr. Hill. He has made very few improvements and now sells out for an advance of \$37,200 over the purchase price, besides what he has realized in the way of net profits from rents.



### Great Clearing Sale!

For the next Thirty Days Chapman Bros. will offer to the people of Chariton County a rare opportunity to buy Shoes. We have a lot of Men's Shoes in sizes from 6 to 10, worth from \$2.50 to \$5. We will close out for \$1.75 to 2.50. Also a lot of Ladies' Fine Vici Kid Shoes, worth from \$1.50 to \$3. We will sell for \$1.15 to \$2. One lot of Ladies' Oxfords, worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50, and from \$1.15 to \$2. In Misses' and Children's Shoes and Oxfords we have anything you want and will quote exceedingly low prices on them. Shoes worth \$2 for \$1.50. Shoes worth \$1.50 for \$1.15. Oxfords at almost your own price. Be sure to call and take advantage of these bargains. Remember we do all kinds of Shoe Repairing and half-soles.

### Chapman Bros.

## City Council Proceedings.

There was a meeting of the city council on Monday night of last week and the board adjourned until Thursday night, at which time all the officials were present, and transacted the following business:

## ALLOWANCES

Richard Tisdale, salary and fees as marshal for June, \$37.60  
M. H. Holcomb, tiling for city, \$23.38.

H. H. Miller, abstract of assessment of city, \$6.

P. R. O'Bryan, work on streets, \$7.05.

M. G. Holcomb, work on streets, \$1.50.

Lewis Cash, work on streets \$1.10.

John Drew, work on streets, \$2.75.

Peter Fox, work on streets, \$1.50.

J. M. Hawkins, drayage, 75 cts.

M. A. Prather, first quarter's salary as alderman, \$6.25.

C. L. White, same, \$6.25.

W. G. Agee, same, \$6.25.

A. L. Welch, same, \$6.25.

O. P. Ray, salary as clerk and attorney for first quarter, \$25.

M. W. Anderson, salary as city treasurer for first quarter, \$12.50.

## GENERAL ORDERS.

On motion warrant was ordered drawn in favor of M. W. Anderson, city treasurer, to reimburse him for the amount, in part, he had advance to the graveyard fund.

On motion the city clerk is instructed to prepare a deed from Messrs. Crawley & Wallace to that part of land purchased from them by the city for an addition to the City cemetery.

W. P. Trash granted license to conduct a dramshop at his stand in Block No 1, upon payment of a license tax of \$200, for a period of six months from the 17th day of July.

O. P. Ray, committee to examine report of city treasurer, M. W. Anderson, makes report that the said treasurer has paid out all sums claimed as credits by him in the manner as provided by law, and that he is entitled to credit on all vouchers present by him, and that there is a balance to the credit of the city of \$340.21; and said settlement is approved.

A special ordinance in relation to sidewalks was read a third time, passed and approved; and an ordinance for levying taxes for the present year is read a first and second time.

On motion the city attorney is

instructed to prepare an ordinance which require all sidewalks hereafter built along Bridge street, from southeast corner of the jail to the northwest corner of the Young building, to be of concrete or vitrified brick.

On motion the board adjourned to meet again last night (Thursday).

## New Time-Card.

A new-time card went into effect on the Wabash last Sunday by which No. 2, Eastern Express, reaches Keytesville at 12:53 p. m.—4 minutes earlier; No. 3, K. C. Mail and Express, at 2:06 p. m.—4 minutes earlier; No. 18, Kansas City express at 3:27 p. m.—2 hours and 6 minutes later. No. 3 is the train to take for Omaha, Pattonsburg and intermediate points. No. 7, California and Colorado Limited, which formerly stopped on flag at Keytesville station at 3:41 a. m., no longer stops at this place, and parties leaving for Kansas City and intermediate points in the morning must take train No. 21, due here at 6:15 a. m. No. 13 stops at Dalton, but No. 3 does not stop there.

## Why We Kicked.

Col. Jake Ray came to town,  
Came up-stairs, but soon went down.  
Col. Jacob, tall and slim,  
Said we'd published lies on him.  
But we knew Jacob was a flirt,  
And it was the truth that hurt.  
Jacob said he'd mar our beauty,  
Though we'd plainly done our duty.  
We'd told of Jacob's many women,  
How the old rip had been sinnin';  
How he was like that Peter,  
Who had a wife and couldn't keep her.  
How he oft would seek another,  
Vow he loved her more than 'tother.'  
But Jacob's love'd soon decline,  
And he'd long for another concubine.  
These are facts, as all well know,  
And Jacob knows that they are so.  
What right had Jacob then to kick?  
Why did he an editor wish to lick?  
Where are those who'd pay his fine?  
Why does Jacob now repine?  
Does Col. Jake refuse to smile  
'Cause he's sore as any "bille?"  
Jacob surely must have known  
One would reap as he has sown.  
Col. Jacob so much vexed us,  
That's why we kicked his solar plexus.

## New Suits.

The following new suits for the September term of circuit court at Salisbury and the November term at Keytesville have been filed during the past week:

## NOVEMBER TERM.

G. H. Beaumont vs. Eli Ward et al, equitable lien.

## SEPTEMBER TERM.

Nettie E. Stoner vs. Geo. A. Stoner, divorce.

Erances Decker vs. Willis Decker, divorce.